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Dear CHURCH,



Episode 9: Abel

Discussion Guide

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Episode 9: Abel features the youngest and final young adult guest featured on *Dear Church*. Abel is just 20 years old, but displays wisdom beyond his years as he shares about his passion, his generation, and his hopes for Seventh-day Adventism.

STARTER Before listening to Episode 9, share the three words you would you choose to describe your generation. Why did you choose those descriptors?

Question 1 At **8:33**, Abel shares about how his parents were willing to support his passion, despite its challenges. How were your passions supported or not supported as a child? What impact did that have on you?

Question 2 At **17:07**, Abel talks about the most memorable worship experience he's had, the "first time I had ever cried during a worship set." Has there ever been an impactful worship experience in your life that has always stayed with you?

Question 3 After sharing about the tension he faces between his passion and his career choice, Abel talks about feeling the pressure of comparing himself to his peers. **[21:19]** Have you ever felt the pressure of comparison in your life? What did you do?

BONUS In his letter, Abel writes, "My plea is to not miss the point. I'm proud to be part of a Church that feels strongly convicted in its message and purpose, but our ultimate calling is to love all." **[31:54]** Do you see "conviction in its message and purpose" and "loving all" as mutually exclusive in Seventh-day Adventism?